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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA FOR OAU MEMBERS
AND OTHERS

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1. I JOINED AMBASSADOR'S OF THREE CONTACT GROUP STATES AND FRENCH CHARGE IN JOINT DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA MADE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET, AMBASSADOR YOUSSOUF SYLLA ON JUNE 21. FOREIGN MINISTER SECK ASKED SYLLA TO RECEIVE GROUP AFTER REGRETTING HIS INABILITY TO GRANT CHIEFS OF MISSION INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP AUDIENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR LIBREVILLE.

2. IN CONVERSATION EVENING OF JUNE 20 PRIOR TO FAREWELL DINNER WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE IN MY HONOR, I ASKED FONMIN TO GIVE HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION TO DETAILED BRIEFING SYLLA WOULD RECEIVE FROM CONTACT GROUP AMBASSADORS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF NAMIBIA WERE DISCUSSED AT SUMMIT, SENEGAL AND OTHER OAU STATES WOULD SUPPORT WESTERN FIVE EFFORTS. MINISTER SAID WESTERN FIVE EFFORT WAS LAUDATORY ONE WHICH HE SUPPORTED; WHILE HE WAS NOT
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CERTAIN IT COULD AVOID OPPOSITION FROM SOME AFRICAN SOURCES, EFFORT WAS WORTH TRYING TO KEEP ALIVE.

3. DURING MEETING WITH SYLLA, FRG AMBASSADOR TOROK, SPEAKING FOR GROUP, READ FRENCH CHARGE'S TRANSLATION OF FULL AGREED TEXT, WHICH SYLLA CAREFULLY NOTED. TOROK STRESSED GROUP DESIRE THAT LIBREVILLE SUMMIT SUPPORT

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CONTACT GROUP EFFORTS OR AT LEAST NOT OPPOSE THEM.
SPEAKING FOR FRG, TOROK ASKED THAT SENEGAL USE ITS
GOOD OFFICES WITH SWAPO TO AVOID ANY SWAPO ACTION AT LIVRE-
VILLE OPPOSING WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVES.

4. IN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING TOROK'S PRESENTATION SYLLA
SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED EFFORTS OF CONTACT
GROUP WHICH SHOULD BE ENCORAGED. HE WOULD REPORT
FAVORABLY TO MINISTER. HE HAD NOTED DESIRE FOR SENEGALESE
SUPPORT AND OAU FAVOR, OR AT LEAST TOLERANCE, OF WESTERN
GROUP EFFORT. HOWEVER, WESTERN FIVE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
ALTHOUGH THIS INITIATIVE HAD BEEN GIVEN BENEFIT OF DOUBT
AT MAPUTO MEETING AFRICAN CONSENSUS DID NOT TRUST VORSTER
AND LOOKED FOR STRONG SAFEGUARDS AGAINST A TRAP BEFORE
ACCEPTING ANY ARRANGEMENT WITH HIM. BEST ARRANGEMENTS
WOULD BE FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND POLICE TO BE
REPLACED BY UN POLICE FORCE. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR POINTED
OUT THAT UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD "INSURE THAT
THERE WAS NOT INTIMIDATION FROM ANY QUARTER AND THAT
THIS INCLUDED POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES."

5. CONSENSUS OF WESTEN FIVE CHIEFS OF MISSION AFTER
MEETING WAS THAT: A) SENEGALESE FAVORED WESTERN INITIA-
TIVE, B) SECK POSSIBLY AND SENGHOR PROBABLY WOULD
MAKE EFFORT TO SUPPORT IT AT OAU SUMMIT, C) SENEGALESE
FELT PROPOSAL COULD BE STRENGTHEN BY REPLACEMENT OF
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SA SECURITY FORCES WITH UN PERSONNEL, AND D) UNLESS
LATTER PROVISION ADDED, LESS REASONABLE AFRICAN STATES
MIGHT OPPOSE INITIATIVE ON THIS ISSUE.
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